

We are running two Lent courses in the parish this year

1. Any Questions? We meet this Thursday evening at 7.30pm in the church, and we will be considering what we understand by Heaven and Hell.

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2. Unique to Luke - A fresh look at parables in Luke

This course meets on Wednesdays at 3.00pm at Applegarth in Gibraltar. If anyone wants to be collected Rosemary will be happy to do that - contact 07872 316553.

Included in prayer resources on the **Church of England website** is this profound prayer offered by Rt Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, Bishop of Chelmsford.



*Ever-loving God,
who hears us in our anguish and distress,
and longs for us to be free.
We pray for the people of Iran and the wider Middle East,
at this time of fear and uncertainty.
Be near to those who are anxious;
bring comfort to all who are suffering.
Guide those with the power to make decisions,
and lead them in the ways of wisdom, compassion and moderation:
that people of goodwill would seek harmony and reconciliation.
Join us with our Christian brothers and sisters in all places,
in praying for peace with justice,
through him who is the prince of peace,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

The APCM is on Wednesday 22nd April. Anybody who is on the Electoral Roll is welcome to attend. This year we have spaces for nominations for Deanery Synod members as well as for PCC members. Application forms and APCM booklets will be available on the website shortly. The Electoral Roll is open until 30th March for new additions. If you would like to join it please see Dee James, or email ElectoralRoll@stonedintonhartwell.com Application Forms can be found online at: www.stonedintonhartwell.com/apcm/

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Sunday 8th March 2026 Notices for the week



Our church is a member of the Wychert Vale family of churches

10:30am **FAMILY COMMUNION** with Joyfull Juniors
led by Revd Canon Dr Phil Groves

4:00pm **LEGO CHURCH** - in the Jubilee Pavilion

6:00pm **CHORAL EVENSONG** – at SPP DINTON
led by David Pickup



*Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy
but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen*

We are currently supporting the **Aylesbury Town Chaplaincy** with our Coffee cup collection.



This week

Tues 10th - 11:00am **Cafe in the Park** – in the Jubilee Pavilion
7:30pm **Choir practice** – 29(b) Eythrope Road
Weds 11th - 3:00pm **Lent course** on the parables in Luke (see notice)
7:30pm **PCC meeting**
Thurs 12th - 9:00am **Little Wrigglers** – in the Jubilee Pavilion
7:30pm **Lent course** – Any Questions? basic faith (see notice)
Sun 15th - 10:30am **MOTHERING SUNDAY with posies**
led by Revd Canon Dr Phil Groves

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John 4:5-42

⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Will you give me a drink?' ⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, 'You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?' (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

¹⁰ Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.'

¹¹ 'Sir,' the woman said, 'you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?' ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?'

¹³ Jesus answered, 'Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.'

¹⁵ The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.'

¹⁶ He told her, 'Go, call your husband and come back.'

¹⁷ 'I have no husband,' she replied.

Jesus said to her, 'You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸ The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.'

¹⁹ 'Sir,' the woman said, 'I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.'

²¹ 'Woman,' Jesus replied, 'believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.'

²⁵ The woman said, 'I know that Messiah' (called Christ) 'is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.'

²⁶ Then Jesus declared, 'I, the one speaking to you – I am he.'

The disciples rejoin Jesus

²⁷ Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, 'What do you want?' or 'Why are you talking with her?'

²⁸ Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people,

²⁹ 'Come, see a man who told me everything I've ever done. Could this be the Messiah?'

³⁰ They came out of the town and made their way towards him.

³¹ Meanwhile his disciples urged him, 'Rabbi, eat something.'

³² But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you know nothing about.'

³³ Then his disciples said to each other, 'Could someone have brought him food?'

³⁴ 'My food,' said Jesus, 'is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.'

³⁵ Don't you have a saying, "It's still four months until harvest"? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. ³⁶ Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. ³⁷ Thus the saying "One sows and another reaps" is true. ³⁸ I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labour.'

Many Samaritans believe

³⁹ Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I've ever done.' ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. ⁴¹ And because of his words many more became believers.

⁴² They said to the woman, 'We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Saviour of the world.'



CHILDREN'S CHURCH IN THE CHURCH

We meet today and welcome children to come and join us as we learn about the bible stories through activity and crafts. This is an alternative to sitting in church with adults or reading quietly in the Family Corner. **We welcome families at all our services** and accept that there will be some level of noise, but we don't want to disturb the adults who have come to listen and pray - that's why we have Joyfull Juniors! 😊